

The proposals under review to further de-regulate broadcast ownership are NOT in the public interest, and will serve to eliminate competition, not enhance it. I urge you to maintain the regulations that exist, in the interests of an informed democracy. In today's "sound bite" environment, public knowledge and opinion is significantly shaped by the major TV news stations and newspapers. Further concentration of broadcasting ownership will reduce diversity in viewpoint and will weaken our democracy. Although the internet and other vehicles can provide alternate views and information, the views of the public, in general, are formed via network television and major newspapers. Weakening the current regulations is not in my interest, as a citizen who seeks to be informed - and it is not in the interest of liberty for Americans.